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Ms. Patty Heyano, City Administrator
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Subject: Comments on Draft Revision to Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan

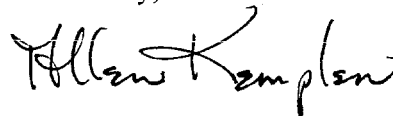
Dear Ms. Heyano:

Thank you for transmitting draft Joint Resolution 04:04 of the Councils of the City of Aleknagik, Aleknagik Traditional Council and Board of Directors of Aleknagik Natives Limited. As you are aware the draft revision to the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan has extracted the Dillingham-Aleknagik corridor project from the previously defined baseline for the Southwest Plan and has subjected it to the evaluation process used to assess other projects in the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan. This evaluation process has resulted in identification, within the Plan, of the Dillingham to Aleknagik segment as the highest priority roadway project in the Dillingham/Bristol Bay Area.

While the action of revising the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan does not directly change the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge's placement in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, its high prioritization within the Plan will be taken into consideration in development of the next STIP.

Thank you again for your input.

Sincerely,



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Southwest Area Planner

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